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SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING - AT THE REQUEST OF GUINEA, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING WHEN THE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE U. S., UK, FRANCE AND LEBANON ( AND ACCEPTED BY EGYPT) IS TO COME TO A VOTE. THE COMPROMISE, WHICH WOULD FOR THE FIRST TIME USE THE WORD " CONDEMNS" IN A PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH TERRORISM, IS DISTASTEFUL TO THE AFRICANS ( WHO SEE ANY LANGUAGE DIRECTED AGAINST TERRORISM AS DAMAGING TO THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS), THE YUGOSLAVS, AND SOME ARABS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ISRAELIS ARE PROFOUNDLY UPSET BY THE PROSPECT THAT SINCE WE HAVE DECIDED TO ABSTAIN AND NOT VETO, A RESOLUTION MAY BE PASSED WHICH IN THEIR VIEW REMAINS UNBALANCED AND WHICH SQUARELY CONDEMNS THEIR MILITARY COUNTER- ACTION. THE CHINESE ARE ALSO UNHAPPY AND THE UK IS NERVOUS. IT MAY BE, THEREFORE, THAT THE COMPROMISE WILL FAIL TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY NINE VOTES. WE ARE ASKING EMBASSY BEIRUT TO SEE TO IT THAT THE SPINE OF THE LEBANESE AMBASSADOR IN NEW YORK IS AGAIN STIFFENED, SO THAT HE WILL OPPOSE ANY VOTING ON THE UNACCEPTABLE UK/ FRENCH RESOLUTION IF IT IS RESURRECTED AFTER A FAILURE OF THE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION.

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MEANWHILE THE COUNCIL TODAY ACCEPTED A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION THAT CALLS ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUBMIT A " COMPREHENSIVE REPORT" ON UN EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, DECIDES TO MEET WHEN THAT REPORT HAS BEEN SUPPLIED, AND TO INVITE GUNNAR JARRING TO THAT MEETING. AMBASSADOR SCALI MADE IT CLEAR WE ARE FAR FROM CERTAIN THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A USEFUL EXERCISE, BUT SAID WE DID NOT WISH TO STAND IN THE WAY SINCE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WANTED IT. ( THE PROPOSITION WAS NOT VETOABLE.)

2. SOVIET MFN: HOUSE REACTION TO MILLS POSITION - MILLS' PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO ABANDON THE JACKSON- VANIK BILL AND PRESS FOR MFN FOR THE USSR HAS NOT YET HAD ITS FULL EFFECT IN THE HOUSE. MEMBERS HAVE RETURNED HOME OR ARE TRAVELLING.

VANIK' S OFFICE SAYS THAT IT HAS LOST VERY FEW CO-SPONSORS AND MAINTAINS THAT MILLS IS MISJUDGING HIS INFLUENCE ON THIS ISSUE. IT CLAIMS THAT THE IMPORTANT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY HAS URGED VANIK TO HOLD THE LINE. HOWEVER, THE VANIK STAFF SAYS THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO KNOW THE FULL IMPACT OF THE SOVIET COMMITMENT. SINCE THE ISSUE WILL NOT COME TO A VOTE FOR FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS, THERE WILL BE TIME TO SEE WHETHER THE SOVIETS IN FACT HAVE CHANGED THEIR POLICY. PORTER

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